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SUBJ: NARCOTICS: DUTCH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON DANGERS
OF CANNABIS

REF: THE HAGUE 172

1. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO DUTCH MAKING TRANSLATION OF U.S.
REPORT ON DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM, PREPARED FOR PARIS CONFER-
ENCE, PROVIDED MP UNDERSTANDS THIS WAS CIRCULATED TO ALL
PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS ON UNDERSTANDING IT WOULD NOT BE
CIRCULATED OUTSIDE GOVERNMENT CIRCLES.

2. MOST CURRENT U.S. MATERIAL ON MARIJUANA IS FORTHCOMING
HEW PUBLICATION ON THE SUBJECT. WE ARE ENDEAVORING SECURE
ADVANCE PRINT AND WILL POUCH TO EMBASSY.

3. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO POINT OUT THAT U.S. MATERIALS ON
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USES OF MARIJUANA MAY BE LESS GERMANE TO DUTCH INTERESTS
THAN STUDIES ON EFFECTS OF CANNABIS ITSELF, AND MP MAY

WISH TO CHECK WITH FRENCH SOURCES. IN THIS REGARD SEE PARIS A-868, DECEMBER 28, ON DRUG ABUSE IN FRANCE, WHICH INDICATES AT PAGES 4 AND 5 THAT FRENCH OPPOSITION TO LEGALIZATION OF CANNABIS IS BASED PRIMARILY UPON FACT THAT SUCH PRODUCTS SMOKED IN EUROPE ARE MORE DANGEROUS THAN WHAT

FRENCH CONSIDER TO BE RELATIVELY INNOCUOUS CIGARETTES OBTAINED IN U.S. FRENCH BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE GREAT DIFFERENCES IN STRENGTH AND TOXICITY BETWEEN U.S. MARIJUANA AND CANNABIS DERIVATIVES COMMON IN FRANCE, WHICH COME DIRECTLY FROM NORTH AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. THE FRENCH REPORT THAT THEIR EXPERIMENTS INDICATE SERIOUS MENTAL CONSEQUENCES POSSIBLE FROM CANNABIS, DEPENDING UPON NERVOUS CONDITION OF EACH INDIVIDUAL. PERHAPS PARIS CAN PROVIDE COPY OF ESCOFFIER-LAMBIOTTE 1971 ARTICLE CITED AND SOMETHING PUBLISHED SINCE.

4. ADDITIONAL COPIES SECOND SHAFER COMMISSION REPORT ON QUOTE DRUG USE IN AMERICA: PROBLEM IN PERSPECTIVE UNQUOTE PUBLISHED MARCH 1973 AVAILABLE ONLY FROM GPO AS STOCK NUMBER 5266-400003 AT DOLLARS 2.25 EACH. EMBASSY SHOULD INITIATE NORMAL PROCUREMENT REQUEST. RUSH

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